

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) A cationic liquid starchy composition having:

- a dry matter of between 10 and 50%,
- a viscosity, determined according to a T test, of ~~greater than 200 mPas and at most equal to 1000 mPas at least~~ equal to 275 mPa~s and at most equal to 930 mPa~s.
- a total nitrogen level at least equal to 0.6% and at most equal to 1.4%, these percentages being expressed by dry weight with respect to the dry weight of the composition,
- a pH of between 3.5 and less than 9.

19. (previously presented) The cationic liquid starchy composition as claimed in claim 18, having a pH of between 3.5 and 8.5.

20-21. (cancelled)

22. (previously presented) The cationic liquid starchy composition as claimed in claim 18, having a total nitrogen level at least equal to 0.7% and at most equal to 1.3%.

23. (previously presented) The cationic liquid starchy composition as claimed in claim 18, having a p1-I value of between 3.5 and 7.5.

24. (previously presented) The cationic liquid starchy composition as claimed in claim 23, having a pH value of between 4 and 7.

25. (previously presented) The cationic liquid starchy composition as claimed in claim 18, comprising at least one polyol.

26. (previously presented) The cationic liquid starchy composition as claimed in claims 25, wherein the at least one polyol is a saccharide.

27. (previously presented) The cationic liquid starchy composition as claimed in claim 18, having a temperature of less than 60°C.

28. (previously presented) The cationic liquid starchy composition as claimed in claim 27, having a temperature at most equal to 50°C.

29. (previously presented) The cationic liquid starchy composition as claimed in claim 28 having a temperature of between 10 and 40°C.

30. (previously presented) An additive for paper manufacture, board manufacture or treatment of process water which may or may not result from paper manufacture or board manufacture, consisting of or comprising a cationic liquid starchy composition as claimed in claim 18.

31-33. (cancelled)

34. (previously presented) Method of preparing an additive as claimed in claim 30, wherein the cationic liquid starchy composition is diluted so that its dry matter is lowered to a value of between 0.5 and 9%.

35. (previously presented) Method of preparing an additive as claimed in claim 34, wherein the cationic liquid starchy composition is diluted so that its dry matter is lowered to a value of between 1 and 7%.

36-41. (cancelled)